

there is a school section in Omaha anywhere. It seems to me that maybe I come from a part of the state that know a little more about the way the school lands operate than they do. I was one of the members of Public Works and insisted that this section be taken out and, quite frankly, if this section isn't taken out I think the entire bill needs to be killed. What we are dealing with here is saying that if you have a piece of land, you build a house on it or for some other reason you want a road built in, then the county commissioners have to build you a road. Well we are also saying is that if it happens to be a school section the county commissioners still have to build you a road. Now Senator Koch says that is not right. Well the problem is the same people are going to be paying for those roads out there. I happen to have a school section. I happened to have to pay a good sized bonus to get it a few years ago. I think they should have some money to build their own roads if they want a road. I paid them \$20,000 for that lease just for the right to have the lease plus I pay the rent every year just the same. Why should they have a special exception? If they do enjoy that exception, then I think they should lower their rents accordingly. Now obviously Senator Koch doesn't want that money to come from that school fund because he might get a little bit of it. If we build the roads out there through the county commissioners then we are going to have to pay for all of it. Now I guess I happen to be a member of the Education Committee as well as the Public Works Committee so maybe I can see it from both sides, but to be quite frank about it, if Section 4 is not taken out of this bill then I think the entire bill should be killed and I apologize for that, Senator Venditte, because I think you are trying to do something good. The intent was good. You just had it drafted a little bit wrong. We are attempting to straighten that out. I would strongly urge this body to adopt the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think Senator Vickers said it. We have several problems here and we have worked on this before and Senator Koch and I have discussed it before. What happens is that, first of all, I want to say that most of the school land is in the western half of Nebraska. The eastern half has sold theirs long ago so whatever money comes in from western Nebraska from school land leases and the inflation that we have had so that they have been able to get a lot more rent helps the whole State of Nebraska and not just the schools in western Nebraska but I have had a running battle with the School